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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

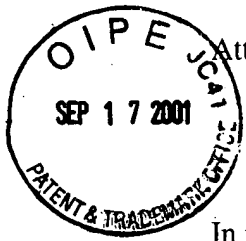
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing parts of Application (Filing Date  
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- (1) a duly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney with respect to the above-referenced patent application;
- (2) a check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the surcharge of 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e);
- (3) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Response is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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